

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4, 8-10, 12, and 18-21 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1-2, 4, 9-10, and 12 are sought to be amended to correct formalities, and/or clarify the invention. Claims 22-24 are sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and do not require a new search, and therefore their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Advisory Action

The Advisory Action indicates that the "proposed amendments to claims 1-4, 8-10, and 12-20 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims." (*See*, Advisory Action, Section 6)

In response thereto, Applicants have re-submitted the amendments to claims 1-4, 8-10, and 12-20 herewith, and canceled rejected 22-24 in order to further prosecution in this matter. Accordingly, Applicants have placed this application in condition for allowance. In doing so, Applicants do not acquiesce to the rejection of canceled claims 22-24, and therefore Applicants reserve the right to prosecution the same or broader claims in a future application.

Other Matters

With respect to this Application, Applicants hereby rescind any disclaimer of claim scope made in a parent application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, and the references that it was made to allegedly avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, in this Application be read back into any predecessor or related application, or future related application.

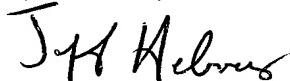
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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